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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition suitable for atomizing without excessive aerosolization in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion comprising:
   a) a continuous aqueous phase,
   b) a discontinuous oil phase;
   c) softening active ingredient;
   wherein a) and b) comprise an oil-in-water emulsion and the rheology of the aqueous phase is modified by the addition of a water-in-oil emulsion into the oil-in-water emulsion, the water-in-oil emulsion comprising:
      i) a high molecular weight polymer having one or more pendant groups in a discontinuous aqueous phase, and
      ii) a continuous organic solvent phase;
         wherein the pendant groups ~~have~~ deliver a charge density of at least about 0.2 meq/g; and
   wherein the high molecular weight polymer comprises from about 0.0005% to about ~~0.05%~~ 0.005% by weight of the composition.

2. (Previously Presented) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the continuous aqueous phase of the oil-in-water emulsion comprises less than about 45% by weight of the composition.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A composition for softening an absorbent paper tissue comprising:
   a) a quaternary ammonium softening active ingredient;
   b) an electrolyte;
   c) a vehicle in which said softening active ingredient is dispersed;

wherein the rheology of the composition is modified by the addition of a water-in-oil emulsion comprising:

i) from about 20% to about 40% by weight of the premix of a high molecular weight polymer comprising one or more pendant groups ~~having~~ delivering a charge density of at least about 0.2 meq/g;

ii) from about 40% to about 60% of water; and

iii) from about 20% to about 40% of an organic solvent.

and

wherein the high molecular weight polymer comprises from about 0.0005% to about ~~0.05%~~ 0.005% by weight of the composition.

5. (Previously Presented) A composition according to Claim 4 wherein the polymer is a cationic polymer

6. (Currently Amended) A composition for softening an absorbent paper tissue comprising:

a) from about 10% to about 60% by weight of the composition of a quaternary ammonium softening active ingredient;

b) an electrolyte;

c) from about 0.0005% to about ~~0.05%~~ 0.005% of a high molecular weight polymer comprising one or more pendant groups ~~having~~ delivering a charge density of at least about 0.2 meq/g;

d) an aqueous vehicle in which said softening active ingredient is dispersed;

wherein the rheology of the aqueous vehicle is modified by the addition of a water-in-oil emulsion comprising:

i) the high molecular weight polymer in a discontinuous aqueous phase, and

ii) a continuous organic solvent phase.

7. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said softening active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of quaternary compounds; mono-, di-, and tri-ester quaternary ammonium compounds, and mixtures thereof.

8. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 7 wherein said softening active ingredient is a mono-, di-, or tri-ester quaternary ammonium compound having the formula:

$$(R_1)_{4-m} - N^+ - [(CH_2)_n - Y - R3]_m \quad X^-$$

wherein Y is -O-(O)C-, or -C(O)-O-, or -NH-C(O)-, or -C(O)-NH-;
m is 1 to 3; n is 0 to 4; each R_1 is a C_1-C_6 alkyl or alkenyl group, hydroxyalkyl group, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl group, alkoxylated group, benzyl group, or mixtures thereof;
each R3 is a C_{13}-C_{21} alkyl or alkenyl group, hydroxyalkyl group, hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl group, alkoxylated group, benzyl group, or mixtures thereof; and
X^- is any softener-compatible anion.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 8 wherein m is 3, n is 2, R_1 is methyl, R3 is C_{15}-C_{17} alkyl or alkenyl, and Y is -O-(O)C-, or -C(O)-O-.

10. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 4 further comprising from about 2% to about 75% by weight of a plasticizer.

11. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 4 wherein the electrolyte comprises up to about 15% by weight of the composition.

12. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 4 further comprising from about 1% to about 20% by weight of the composition of a bilayer disrupter.

13. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 4 wherein the vehicle is water.

14. (Currently Amended) A composition for softening an absorbent tissue comprising:
   a) from about 25% to about 45% by weight of a quaternary ammonium softening active ingredient;
   b) from about 0.0005% to about ~~0.05%~~ 0.005% by weight of a high molecular weight polymer comprising one or more pendant groups ~~having~~ delivering a charge density of at least about 0.2 meq/g wherein the high molecular weight polymer is delivered to the composition in the form of a water-in-oil emulsion comprising the high molecular weight polymer, water and an organic solvent;
   c) from about 5% to about 50% by weight of a plasticizer;
   d) from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of an electrolyte; and

e) a vehicle consisting of water, in which said softening active ingredient is dispersed.

15-20. (Cancelled)